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UPCOMING EVENTS

October

- 14 MIWG Comm Ex
- 16-18 FEMA Exercise
- 21 Academic Bowl
- 21 CAC Meeting
- 21-22 AE Conference
- 21-22 Unit CC's Course
- 22 Commanders' Call
- 27-29 Operation Regnar
- 27-29 Grnd Team Ldr Trng

November

- 2-4 GLR AE Conference

December

- 9 Wing Staff Xmas Party

BOULLE-NORMAN CADET SQUADRON WINS WING CADET COMPETITION

The Michigan Wing cadet competition was held 16-17 September in Battle Creek, Michigan.

The winner of the drill team competition was the **Boulle-Norman Cadet Squadron** (with 2 alternates from **Daniel Prose Cadet Squadron**). The team, commanded by **C/TSGT Ben Visser**, included **Brian Sik-kema, Jared Willman, Charles Brumley, Louis Zumbach, Ben Jonkman, Alex Olthoff, Nick Jones, James Grohoski, Zach Hb-dyna, Joseph Evans, Holly Growe, Taylor Martin, David Benn, and Aaron Steiner**. The escorts were **MAJ Mark Phlegger** and **SM**



Cadets pose with MedFlight helicopter after patient transport

Kathy Growe.

The team competed in events such as Standard Drill, Innovative Drill, Physical Fitness, Panel Quiz, Volleyball and a written exam. In fact, the team won six of the seven events.

The team will represent Michigan Wing at the Great Lakes Region Cadet Competition which will be held in April. The winners of the Region competition, will travel to the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado to compete in the National Cadet Competition in June 2001.

Congratulations to the team for the hard work and effort they put into the Wing competition.

OPERATION WOLVERINE

Over 120 members from around Michigan Wing rallied in Ypsilanti, Michigan on 22 to 24 September 2000, for the 8th Annual Operation Wolverine.

Unlike other practice search and rescue missions, this activity is run entirely by cadets, under the supervision of qualified senior staff. Cadets manned all the positions at the mission including mission coordinator, air operations, ground operations, public affairs and ground team leader.

The cadet project officer, **c/MSgt Gus Gettas**, led the development of the scenarios that were used throughout the day on Saturday to

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Boulle-Norman Drill Team

CIVIL AIR PATROL is a non-profit volunteer auxiliary of the United States Air Force. Founded on December 1, 1941, this national organization works with youth, 12 years of age and older to meet our mission of developing dynamic young American leaders. Civil Air Patrol's volunteer personnel use its resources to meet emergencies, to encourage aerospace education of the general public, and to motivate young men and women to ideals of leadership and service through aerospace education and training.

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TID BITS

- With the end of the fiscal year, finance reports are due at Wing by 31 Oct 00.
- A list of vehicle and aircraft custodians are available on the MIWG website under member services. These vehicles and aircraft are available to all units in MIWG.
- Cadets working on their private pilots license can earn a \$100 scholarship towards rental of CAP aircraft for their training. Contact MAJ Mark Grant for further details.
- The new Wing HQ is located in the southwest corner of Selfridge near the US Border Patrol Offices.

“A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty.”

- Sir Winston Churchill

AE CONFERENCE WEEKEND

Macomb Community College will be the site of the second MIWG AE Weekend on 22-23 Oct 00. Seminars on aviation careers, the CAP-STK satellite toolkit, hands-on aerospace activities and much more will be available to our members and the public.

There will be a number of other activities including Academic Bowl, Unit Commanders Training, Flight Release Officer training. Look for more information via e-mail.



Note from the Editor

If you have an article, event or interesting news item, forward them on so we can share it with the Wing. Send items to news@miwg.cap.gov.



UNITS IN ACTION

The **Boulle-Norman Cadet Squadron** was awarded the Aerospace Education Excellence Award from National Headquarters. This award is presented to units that complete an aerospace activity each month from January through June,



Cadets of Boulle-Norman with 1LT Jonkman

plus a minimum 2 hour aerospace education day. Congratulations to **1LT Frank Jonkman** for his incredible effort as the unit Aerospace Education Officer.

COL Amy Courter joined the members of the **Scott Burgess Cadet Squadron** for a change of command ceremony on 27 September. **CPT Jerry Rocho** was appointed as the new unit commander. CPT Rocho has been working diligently to develop his skills to become a Squadron Commander.

CPT Rocho is taking over for **LTC Kay McLaughlin** who has served as the unit commander for over 9 years. Thanks to both for their hard work and support of CAP.

MIWG CAC Vice Chair c/2LT James Perkins was elected as the Region CAC Vice Chair at the September Region CAC meeting.

We are happy to report the promotion of **Christine Frantz** and **Christina Yeager** to the rank of Captain. Congratulations to you both.

OPERATION WOLVERINE

(Continued from page 1) develop the skills of the ground teams.

Realistic exercises were used to give Cadets practical hands-on experience. Simulations designed to test first aid techniques, visual search

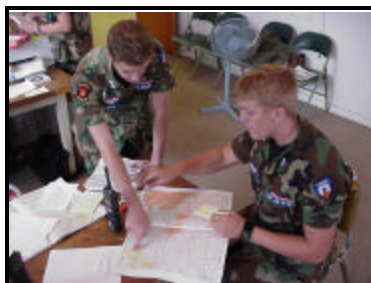
procedures and electronic searches for emergency locator transmitters (ELT) were encountered by the participants. Both air and ground search crews used a variety of targets to sharpen their search and rescue capabilities.

The main event was a full-blown simulated missing aircraft search on Sunday. Limited clues and misleading information were only a fraction of the challenges that Cadets faced trying to locate the

“missing airplane”.

After analyzing information and developing a search plan, ground teams and aircrews were briefed and dispatched by Ground and Air Operations.

Unfortunately, because of poor weather, only one aircraft was able to launch for the search. Even so, the mission base dispatched six ground teams to locate the simulated missing aircraft.



C/1LT Brandon Griffon and c/2LT Mike Serman review a search plan

Once the cadets located their target, ground teams had to tend to several victims that required immediate first aid. As part of their procedures, cadets called for medical assistance. The arrival of Huron Valley Ambulance service was taken in stride by the participating cadets. But, more startling, was the arrival of Midwest MedFlight's helicopter which was requested to transport a more seriously injured simulated victim.

After clearing a suitable landing zone, cadets loaded up

the victim onto the helicopter. It promptly took off, marking the end of another successful mission.



Cadets prepare a patient for air evacuation